GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1665
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DEEP SEA FISHING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the complaint that fish wealth of the Arabian Sea is getting badly depleted due to the foreign companies who are allowed to do fishing in deep sea with trawlers indulging in indiscriminate fishing and over catching;

(b) If so, details of each companies alongwith trawlers allowed to do fishing in deep sea during each of the last three years;

(c) The quantity of fish they caught during the said period and the revenue earned by the Government therefrom;

(d) Whether the Government has any control over these companies; and

(e) If so, the details of the agencies of the Government who controls the fishing activities of these companies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILALBHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Apprehensions about possible depletion of fish wealth of Arabian Sea from certain quarters have come to the notice of the Government. However, it is. stated that no foreign company has been allowed to operate foreign fishing vessels in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for last three years.

(c)to(e) : Question does not arise.